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ANNUAL REPORT of the RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Sandy Island

Established 1899

SANDY ISLAND CAMP

Lake Winnipesaukee

THE GREATER BOSTON YMCA

- Our 86th Year -

INTRODUCTION

In reporting on my second year at Sandy Island Camp, everything is really upbeat. It has been a great season from almost every point of view. Camper enrollment was up in every category. All the accommodations were filled every week except for one 4-day vacancy.

Good weather, excellent staff and a comprehensive program produced great enthusiasm from both the campers and the camp administration.

With all these positive happenings the job of camp director was again very enjoyable for me and my family. This is not to say we didn't have our problems, but they were 1 all small and manageable.

Again this year I want to acknowledge the support that Sandy Island and I receive from the Greater Boston Y.M.C.A., the Camp Committee, and most importantly, from our managers and supervisors(The Pattersons, the DeSantis', Don Migliaro, the Carlstens, the Stewarts, Chris Tinstman, Carole Todaro) and the rest of the staff.

This year the Director's Report deals mainly with the facility, the Patterson's 25th year at Sandy, camp statistics, projects completed and things to do.

THE ISLAND

Our 66 acre island is essentially in very good condition. Much attention has been given to the facility in the past two years.

The Committee has asked for a study of the island, possibly a five year plan, and the development of a list for possible capital improvements.

Last Fall a member of the YMCA planning board visited the island and gave us an appraisal that essentially said, "Sandy Island is in great shape, keep on doing what you have been doing." He did suggest that we look into putting our main electrical lines underground. This information was conveyed to the camp committee directly this Spring at the meeting in Woburn.

This summer I conversed with the N.H. Electrical Power Company that serves our area and their recommendation was that this was not a good idea. Their experience has been negative. They had had trouble with underground lines corroding and if there is a problem, the whole line has to be dug up. The soil condition, the rocks, the initial expense, all seem to indicate that we do not do this.

The overhead lines need to be maintained, by keeping the trees trimmed and getting rid of any old diseased trees that may come down onto the lines. We have been mainly trouble-free all this camping season. We did have a tree come down during staff week though.

We are, however, putting underground lines in our smaller hookups from the main line to our smaller buildings as we encounter problems or replace systems.

The level of power and the shorter distance of the lines should not be a problem to us. If the line fails, it will only affect a small portion of the system and not shut us down completely.

BUILDINGS

All of our major buildings, the Lodge, Dining Hall, Shop, and the Hostel are in good condition. The roofs, outside siding, windows, etc. are fine. We have to refinish the floors in the lodge and dining room, keep up with small repairs, screens, etc. Nothing major is needed and all these buildings have been recently stained and painted.

The other buildings including the staff and camper cottages, red schoolhouse, the Pavillion, Sandwall, the lavs and mini lavs are also all in good shape. Since they are all wooden buildings with screens, they need constant attention and we are keeping up with the maintenance with our service crew and carpenter.

The Boat house was recently renovated and looks just great. We also renovated Buena Vista and that is also working out extremely well.

THE GROUNDS

Our 66 acre island does need attention. We completed work around the dump area this year burying most everything. We cleared trees around part of the lagoon and built up the banking. We also trimmed and took out trees around the Hostel, waterfront and cookout area. We have more work to do with pruning and clearing out small and dead trees. We also have to clear more around the lagoon and finish fencing it in.

Another project area we want to work on is removing trees around the schoolhouse play yard and trees hanging over the tennis courts. A lot of this work will be done this fall.

Another project is to start clearing an area for a combination basketball-volleyball court. This means removing small trees and later in the Spring doing some bulldozing work.

The tennis courts should have a sprinkler system installed and we will begin to study doing this. Also, the fencing around the courts is proving to be a serious problem to maintain. We have to find some thing better than the chicken wire we have been using.

The waterfront, beach and other areas all seem to be ok and don't require any major work. Our rowboat dock is ancient, metal and slowly rusting away. We will have to begin to think of a replacement.

MAJOR EQUIPMENT

The jeeps are undergoing constant repair and the thought is to get a pickup truck and perhaps retire one of the older troublesome jeeps. We will begin to work on this.

The boats have received our attention this year. The Little Sandy was completely refinished and painted and is running very well. The Big Sandy needs repainting, re-canvasing and a motor job. We will begin this this fall. The ski boat takes a beating and needs some new parts. It was tuned up this year and had some small parts replaced and is running well.

The Sicif Skiff needs another motor. A 25 HP would do nicely. We also need some additional rowboats and sailboards.

The Kitchen equipment was given major attention this summer and all the compressors, refrigerators, freezers, ranges, ovens, and dishwashers are fine and working well. Our mixer needs some work and eventually will have to be replaced. We do need one small refrigerator next year.

We are developing a list of needs for our cabins, etc. that campers may donate to us such as lamps, bureaus, etc. I am proposing these be brought to our reunion in Woburn when people have space in their cars.

A detailed list of all our needs are found later in this report.

In summary, the Island is in good shape, our maintenance crew, our staff, our weekenders and work weekends have been able to keep it up. I don't forsee any major problems facing us that we cannot handle with good planning, time to work and some money.

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Program Highlights

Two new programs were added to Sandy's program this year: Sailboards on the waterfront and the Kinder Kare program for children under two years of age.

Sailboards

Last year in our comment box we received many suggestions asking for this program to be offered at Sandy - After speaking with Russ Carlsten, our waterfront director, and other staff, I brought it before the camp committee.

There was much discussion about the program and it was finally decided that it deserved a chance. So, we went ahead with plans to put it into the program. I spent a lot of time looking at various boards and speaking to other instructors. We ended up getting two Magnum sailboards for $499.00 each and a land training simulator (used) for $75.00.

The program has been a real success and well received by the campers. Russ has developed a very effective teaching course and we plan to expand a little next year by adding another board and two storm sails and masts to use in heavy wind and for beginners.

Kinder Kare

The need for this program was also brought to our attention through the comment box.

For two hours (9 - 11) each morning, our nurse and another girl take all the babies up to two years and have them in the Hostel living room.

The children are cared for, with the help of play pens, cribs, strollers, and toys. Trips to the beach or just little walks help entertain the little ones.

Again, this program has met with enthusiastic support from the mothers who appreciate some time to themselves each day.

Not all children accept this "being away from mom", but for the most part, the children have behaved reasonably well.

Additional program changes that were really effective were the Tennis and Waterfront programs. We added one person to each program and it made a significant difference. This was most noticeable in the Tennis program.

For years Carole Carlsten has run the program alone and depended on the service crew for some maintenance work, usually by different people and not always the most enthusiastic.

This year we hired an additional person to do all the in-season maintenance. He also does the bocce and shuffleboard courts, and he teaches tennis classes as well.

The effort again has been positive. Carole says the courts have never been better and the instrucional classes have been large. Campers reactions have also been very positive.

By adding another staff person to the waterfront, we were able to handle the additional load of the sailboard program and also have the waterfront staff drive more of the taxi boats during the day.

Bob and Barbara Patterson's 25th

Bob and Barbara Patterson celebrated their 25th summer at Sandy Island this summer. Over the years Bob has worked on the waterfront, the junior program, service crew, and has been the Program Director since 1970.

Barbara has worked in the Little Red Schoolhouse, and has been the Store Manager since 1971. They have also raised three children here, Bob, Barry, and Sandra. Bob and his wife Nikki were married at Sandy Island on June 22, 1980.

What most people remember about the Pattersons is that they really typify the "Sandy spirit." They are friendly, caring people who seem to find good in everyone, and always have time for everyone.

This summer at camp they were honored by both the campers and the staff during the 8th week. The campers presented the Pattersons with a large card signed by all the campers, and a nice gift of cash which Bob says they will use to purchase a tape recorder to record the Sandy music and happenings.

They were honored la ter in the week at the Staff Banquet. Bob's children and mother were also able to attend. It was a wonderful sentimental, nostalgic evening. The staff presented them with a framed picture of the view from the Chapel, two pottery lamps, and some other pictures. A beautiful Sandy Island plaque was presented to Bob by the Camp Committee, and was inscribed to "Mr. Sandy."

Let's hope they will be around for another 25 years.

1984 CAMPER ATTENDANCE

TOTAL CAMPER 5 - YEAR COMPARISON CHART

Week	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
First	132	153	149	150	147
Second	143	150	149	152	161
Third	131	136	143	149	158
Fourth	143	156	150	157	166
Fifth	151	147	163	154	161
Sixth	155	156	170	164	167
Seventh	155	168	175	169	176
Eighth	156	164	164	164	168
Ninth	156	148	137	143	159
LDW	158	154	157	136	156
Total Attendance	1480	1532	1556	1538	1619
Total Dif. Camp.	1198	1297	1324	1373	1418

Total Attendance: 1619

Camper Units: 462

Total Different Campers: 1418

Total Different Units: 388

CAMPER UNIT BY STATE

Massachusetts	291	Vermont	4
New York	45	Rhode Island	10
New Jersey	19	Virginia	7
Connecticut	41	Delaware	3
Pennsylvania	5	Florida	8
Ohio	3	Tennessee	0
New Hampshire	10	Illinois	1
Maryland	6	Other	8

1984 CAMPER AGE DISTRIBUTION

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LDW	Total
AGES:											
2 & under	0	2	1	4	5	5	3	6	6	2	34
2 - 6	21	14	15	23	24	13	25	13	24	11	183
7 - 12	26	34	29	28	14	18	30	28	21	20	248
Adult (13 +)	100	110	113	111	118	131	118	121	108	123	1153

Total campers: 1,619

FEE STRUCTURE

A. CAMPER REGISTRATION

		Weekly	LDW
TEEN/ADULT	(13 +)	$175	$70
JUNIOR	(10 - 12)	$145	$60
	(7 - 9)	$120	$50
	(4 - 6)	$85	$40
CHILDREN	(3 & under)	$50	$25

B. DAILY RATES

13 & Up		10 - 12		7 - 9	
First	Add'l	First	Add'l	First	Add'l
$33	$27	$27	$22	$24	$19

4 - 6	
First	Add'l
$19	$14

C. VISITORS TO ISLAND

One person: $2.50 Family Unit Maximum: $10.00

(includes shuttle boats and use of facilities, no meals)

D. MEALS ($1 off for children under 6)

Morning	$3.50	Evening	$7.00
Afternoon	$4.50	Fri. & Sunday dinner	$8.00

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COMPARISON

WEEKLY FEE INCOME

	1983	1984
Week 1	$22,412	$22,424
Week 2	$21,530	$24,609
Week 3	$21,762	$24,003
Week 4	$24,271	$25,373
Week 5	$22,444	$24,575
Week 6	$23,785	$26,239
Week 7	$23,200	$26,220
Week 8	$23,060	$26,070
Week 9	$20,404	$23,316
LDW	$8,295	$9,592
Income from meals, taxis, etc.	$1,812	$2,765
	$212,985	$235,186
Average weekly income for 9 weeks About 98 % of capacity	$22,542	$24,759 100 % of capacity
Donations to SICIF received at camp:	$3,178	$3,459

1984 - Summer Projects Completed

1. Renovation of Buena Vista — $2637
   Redesign - stain etc. Materials $1981.00
   Labor - $656.00

2. Rebuilt Section of Kitchen floor and installed linoleum — $200

3. Rebuilding of all kitchen ranges, ovens and grilles — $1695

4. Installed jeep transmission — $250

5. Purchased 3 sunfish — $[illegible]

6. Purchased 2 Magnum Sailboards — $1098

7. SICIF - Purchased 26 mattresses — $1500

8. SICIF - Purchased Steam Table — $650

9. Purchased 2 spring and mattress sets and a bed frame for staff cottages — $453

10. Purchased 36 pillows — $146

11. Purchased a new aiding machine for the office — $[illegible]

12. Cleared brush and pruned trees from the office to front of Hostel — [illegible]

13. Purchased 200 ft. of Snow Fence for the lagoon

14. Purchased Hot Water Heater for Old North cottage

15. Purchased pump for pump house

16. Purchased 6 fire extinguishers

17. Purchased 3 new nets for tennis courts — $[illegible]

18. Installed chest freezer donated to camp by [illegible] friends

19. [illegible]

1984 Summer Projects Completed (cont.)

20.	Panelled the Hostel living room and upstairs sitting room	$90
21.	Completed Humble Abode, with staining and electrical work	NC
22.	Received donation of 3 sump pumps from Dave Patch	NC
23.	Put in 4 new piers and steps at Public landing at Harilla	$785
24.	Hired Bulldozer to build up Lagoon dam and to bury junk yard, Hauled in one load gravel	$655
25.	Purchased 5 tons top dressing for Tennis courts	$459
26.	Removed old tent platform and cleaned up the area	NC

Things to Do

In 1983 we listed 14 projects to do - 11 were completed. The following list contains those items that we feel need to be done before the 1985 season begins -

1. Need more fill and leveling done to our parking lot that we lease from Mr. Rays.

2. A new 16 mm. movie projector

3. We need a runabout, a small boat for all the short trips we make for medicals, shopping, and to North Woods.

4. Continue on work around the lagoon and finish fencing it in.

5. Continue pruning and clearing brush and trees around lakefront - Lodge side.

6. Move bathrooms in Lodge to downstairs area.

7. Install Sprinkler system on the Tennis courts.

8. Refinish and paint the "Big Sandy"

9. Purchase a pick-up truck - mid-size long bed type.

10. Refinish dining room floor - sand and varnish.

11. Make wooden chaise lounges for waterfront

12. Continue to update our electrical system indoor and outdoor.

13. Begin work by clearing trees for a combination basketball volleyball court

14. Make appeal to campers to bring things to the reunion - among the items needed
    a) lamps for the cabins
    b) 3 + 4 drawer bureaus
    c) cribs

Things to Do (cont.)

15. Begin replacement of docks for the cabins - some now ones needed.

16. Remodel and replace the Red Schoolhouse play area - fence and playground equipment are in bad shape -

17. SICIF Requests -

    a) Mattresses - another 25
    b) Dining room tablecloths
    c) New Sailboard and 2 Storm sails
    d) Keyboard for Chapel
    e) 2 rowboats

SANDY ISLAND CAMP COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Name	Home #	Office #
Mr. R. Ray Bell 35 Washington Street	617-944-1491 Reading	617-271-3333 MA 01867
Mary Driscoll 255 Massachusetts	617-641-1490 Arlington	MA 02174
Mr. Robert B. Fraser 90 Allendale Street	617-522-3859 Jamaica Plain	MA 02130
Mr. Jack Harvell 11 Murray Drive	617-443-2894 Sudbury	MA 01776
Mr. Joseph Mulligan, Jr. 10 Bennington Street	617-961-2130 Randolph	617-451-2246 MA 02368
Mr. Ronald Patch 2 Rodney Terrace	617-393-8891 Northboro	617-969-1250 MA 01532
Dr. Thomas S. Perrault 76 Woodland Street	617-683-1977 Methuen	617-686-7791 MA 01844
Mrs. Stuart Riley 6 Everblock Drive	410-942-7865 Cranston	RI 02920
Mr. Lincoln Stevens 8 North Street	617-475-4309 Andover	MA 01810
Mr. Creighton Vallee 9 Taft Drive	617-729-5046 Winchester	MA 01890
Mr. Francis J. Witt 20 Chatham Road	617-475-5236 Andover	617-681-6502 MA 01810
Dr. Robert D. Woodcock R.F.D. #3	802-254-8591 Brattleboro	802-254-6335 VT 05301

EX - OFFICIO

Mr. Robert F. Patterson 56 Highland Street	617-944-4970 Reading	MA 01867
Mr. Robert Spencer 316 Huntington Avenue	Boston	617-536-6950 MA 02215
Mr. Nathan Todaro 3 Windsor Boulevard	603-432-4686 Lemoundary	617-536-6950 NH 03053

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SANDY ISLAND CAMP

STAFF ADDRESS LIST

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION
Scott Arnold	31 Pauline St. Somerville, MA 02144	Service Crew
Carole Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Tennis Head/ Slimnastics
Katie Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Kitchen/Store
Kristine Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Junior Teen Program Hea
Russell Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Waterfront Supervisor
Scott Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Carpenter Assistant
Tracy Carlsten	39 Case Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	Junior Teen Program
April Cotte	60 Bogastow Brook Rd. Sherborn, MA 01770	Crafts/Store
Pam Cotte	60 Bogastow Brook Rd. Sherborn, MA 01770	Crafts/Store
Robin Dawson	41 Sound View Heights Branford, CT 06405	Kitchen
Todd Delaney	18 Devon Rd. Summit, NJ 07901	Service Crew
Mike DePasquale	59 Westland Ave. Apt. 12 Boston, MA 02115	Mechanic
Darron DeSantis	19 Evans Circle Keene, NH 03431	Service Crew
Diane DeSantis	19 Evans Circle Keene, NH 03431	PreSchool/Cave Program
Richard DeSantis	19 Evans Circle Keene, NH 03431	Maintenance Manager
Kerri Doherty	4 Lockeland Rd. Winchester, MA 01890	Service Crew
Cristina Eluf	67 Stella St. Apt. 81 Sao Paulo, Brazil	Kinder Kare/Store

1984 Staff Address List (cont.)

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION
Marc Firenze	1 Clover St. Belmont, MA 02178	Kitchen
Theresa Gingras	250 State Street Belchertown, MA 01007	Waterfront
David Green	28 Winchester Drive Lexington, MA 02173	Kitchen Crew Chief
Chris Haley	P.O. Box 217 W. Swanzey, NH 03469	Service Crew Chief
Cole Howard	30 Red Deer Road Londonderry, NH 03053	Tennis Program
Elaine Hulse	17 Marget Ann Lane Suffern, NY 10901	Kitchen
Tracy Johnson	9 Washington St. North Reading, MA 01864	Kitchen
Chris Lowe	6900-D Foxridge Blacksburg, VA 24060	Waterfront
Karla Maddalena	4 Lamson Street East Boston, MA 02128	Kitchen
Donald Migliaro	2-A Mountain Rd. Farmington, CT 06032	Chef
Kirsta Migliaro	44 Sound View Heights Branford, CT 06405	Kitchen
Stephanie Miles	University of Lowell Box 6113 South Lowell, MA 01854	Music Director/Office
Gary Patch	2 Rodney Terrace Northboro, MA 01532	Service Crew
Barbara Patterson	56 Highland Street Reading, MA 01867	Store Supervisor
Robert Patterson	56 Highland Street Reading, MA 01867	Program Director
Sandra Patterson	56 Highland Street Reading, MA 01867	School House/Crafts
Steven Reich	700 Columbus Ave. Apt. 15J New York, NY 10025	Waterfront
Mark Rosenthal	19 Blueberry Lane Lexington, MA 02173	Service Crew

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NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION
Peter Sartori	540 Whipple Rd. Tewksbury, MA 01876	Kitchen
Alan Stewart	60 Chestnut Hill Orange, MA 01364	Carpenter
Suzanne Stewart	60 Chestnut Hill Orange, MA 01364	Craft Supervisor
Kathy Stucchi	13 Laurel Drive Hudson, MA 01749	Service Crew
Chris Tinstman	48 Seaview Ave. New Rochelle, NY 10801	Nurse/ Kinder Kare Supervisor
Carole Todaro	3 Windsor Blvd. Londonderry, NH 03053	Office Supervisor
Tina Todaro	3 Windsor Blvd. Londonderry, NH 03053	Office/Store
Diana Todaro	3 Windsor Blvd. Londonderry, NH 03053	Kitchen
Nate Todaro	3 Windsor Blvd. Londonderry, NH 03053	Director
Jerry Witt	20 Chatham Rd. Andover, MA 01810	Waterfront
Tom Witt	20 Chatham Rd. Andvoer, MA 01810	Waterfront
John Ziermann	22 Soloff Road Massapequa, NY 11758	Baker

SANDY'S SONG

Music: Galway Bay Words: Ellen Blackwell

If you ever come across the lake to Sandy
You'll realize how blest a place can be
For the old folks and the kids you'll meet at Sandy
Are the nicest in the world as you'll soon see.

If you dance you'll love the dances here at Sandy
You'll hop and step and right together right
For Bob Patterson is certainly a dandy
His energy is great night after night.

You can sit upon the porch and watch the lakeside
Or wander thru the pines and down a trail
You can swim or ski or take a nice canoe ride
Or meet the breeze and hoist the Sandy sail.

For the beauty of a week spent here at Sandy
Is doing lots or doing not at all
And the friendships you make while you're here at Sandy
Will last thru summer, winter, spring and fall.

And if I could make one wish for all I see here
I'd wish that in the summer of next year
I could see you all a-sitting here at Sandy
With your health, your smiles, good fortune and
good cheer!

- MEMOIRS -

I looked out the windowpane
And saw a face of memories
Then happiness streamed out of me
When I saw your smiles.
The times when I felt so low
You were there to lift me up
You gave me your hands and said
"We'll be your friends."
This is a special place to me as well as you
We've found friends to last until the end of time.
I've found secrets inside of me
Things I now can see
Thank you all so very much
For letting me be free.
Look how we laugh
See how we give
I've learned from all of you
Just how to live!
Now is the time that we have to part
But the memories I have of you will stay within my heart.

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